

Newport Forest

March 13 2003

3:45 - 5:30 pm

Weather: sunny/clear; NE < 16 gusting to 30 kmh; LM -2 C; FCF -1 C

Purpose: feed animals

Participants: Kee, Nic

We filled the bird feeders, suet feeders and deer feeders. We also hung a new suet feeder supplied by Pat. We found an excellent example of Meadow Vole tracks crossing ET in the LM. (P)

We walked the BC trail over the HB and back by the river. The snow is still crusty and a bit draining (for me) to walk in. There was no raccoon in the old Black Maple on the HB but we left some DBs anyway. Throughout this walk, we saw only squirrel tracks, no rabbits, no raccoons or deer! Twice Nic saw a Ruffed Grouse fly off but both times I was looking in another direction.

Back at the trailer we saw a large hawk over Harvey's beanfield, possibly a Red-tail.

Birds: (5)

Black-capped Chickadee (5 - Tr); Downy Woodpecker (5 - Tr); Red-bellied woodpecker (1 - Tr); Ruffed Grouse (1 - BCF, 1 - RSF); White-breasted Nuthatch (5 - Tr);